

Alternative Route for Elan Valley Way from Button Oak to Cleobury Mortimer.

This route is now possible as a result of the resolution of various footpath obstructions. It provides a route which now keeps very close to the line of the pipeline and passes through some remote and scenic privately owned woodlands which are now part of the Greater Wyre Forest.

- The route from Button Oak to Kingswood is as in the book. (SO731769) spot height 134
- Take Bridleway NW from Kingswood to minor road at Sturt Common(SO726774).
- Turn right along road(pipeline behind trees on left) to sharp right hand bend(SO723776)
- Go straight on(NNW) along footpath then take rightmost of two tracks through woodland. At clearing go left(waymarked) and follow path into dip and across stream(mad brook). Just beyond is footpath junction. (SO719778)
- Take path heading SW straight uphill rather than route over footbridge. Continue over stile and along left hand field edge to minor road(Meaton Lane) at Silligrove.(SO714775)

Until 2011 the path between here and Cleobury Mortimer golf course was not walkable. It has now been diverted onto a walkable line and bears no relation to route on the OS map.

- Cross road and over stile into field then diagonally right to stile in right hand field boundary. Turn left alongside pond to gravel parking area for fishery. Go right then immediately left(not footpath straight ahead) and through trees to come out onto pipeline. (SO712772)
- Turn right along pipeline. At top of hill go through gate or over stile alongside. Turn left across pipeline and into trees. After 50m turn right and continue about 150m to forestry track (SO707771)
- Turn left along track for 300m to track junction. Go right downhill to cross brook via footbridge. (SO708768)
- After 100m turn right onto woodland path. Follow over footbridge, parallel to brook then uphill to eventually emerge onto forestry track. Turn right onto track and at next track junction(almost immediately) keep left. Follow track down then up to clearing with lots of paths off. (SO697768)
- Take path straight ahead(W) through trees and after 200m through gate onto golf course. Continue in same direction across two fairways and then on track to Golf Club house.

The Golf Club is walker friendly. You can use the toilets and in the bar, food and drinks are available all day.

- From the golf course car park, walk along the access road and where it goes right, go through gap in brick wall and straight ahead through trees eventually meeting access road again.
- Cross and keep in same direction on narrow path through trees with fence line on right to road. (SO685768).
- Cross road and through gate opposite. Follow path as it curves right to go through a gate. Turn left and immediately into field. Go right to follow field edge downhill, down into dip and through kissing gate out on to the main A4117. Cross this road with care and go right.
- You may now follow the road into Cleobury Mortimer for a possible break or overnight stop.

This is the end of the alternative route.